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SUBJ: POSSIBLE POMPIDOU MEETING

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1. CONTINGENCY BILATERAL BRIEFING PAPER - POMPIDOU.
2. PRESIDENT POMPIDOU. YOU WILL MEET WITH POMPIDOU IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE OPENING OF THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. POMPIDOU SHARES OUR OBJECTIVES OF A SECURE MIDDLE EAST PEACE, BUT RESENTS BEING EXCLUDED FROM THE CONFERENCE AND FEELS THAT THE U.S. HAS NOT CONSULTED ADEQUATELY WITH FRANCE. HE HAS RETURNED FROM THE COPENHAGEN SUMMIT CONFIDENT OF HAVING FURTHERED FRANCE'S GOAL OF MAKING SECRET

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THE EC INTO A STRONG AND INDEPENDENT POWER CENTER IN WHICH FRANCE PLAYS THE LEADING ROLE. WHILE HE ACCEPTS THE NOTION OF A BROADLY-CONCEIVED TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP, HE NEVERTHELESS BELIEVES THAT EUROPE MUST ACHIEVE A "PERSONALITY" ENTIRELY SEPARATE FROM THAT OF THE U.S. WE EXPECT HE WILL

BE SKEPTICAL OF YOUR PROPOSAL FOR AN ENERGY ACTION GROUP. ALTHOUGH FIRMLY IN POWER, POMPIDOU HAS SEEN HIS POPULARITY RATINGS DROP RECENTLY AMID MOUNTING CRITICISM BY HIS POLITICAL OPPONENTS. FRANCE IS BESET BY INFLATION, WITH NO RELIEF IN SIGHT AND WITH SIGNS THAT THE COUNTRY'S RECENT ECONOMIC BOOM IS SLOWING DOWN. POMPIDOU'S TERM DOES NOT EXPIRE UNTIL 1976, ASSUMING HIS HEALTH HOLDS.

3. MIDDLE EAST

FRENCH POSITION:

ALTHOUGH FRANCE SHARES OUR OBJECTIVES OF A SECURE MIDDLE EAST PEACE, IT DOES NOT SHARE OUR VIEW THAT SOVIET ACTIONS IN THE AREA THREATENED TO DESTABILIZE THE EAST-WEST BALANCE. FRANCE RESENTS BEING EXCLUDED FROM THE US-SOVIET DIALOGUE ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND FROM THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. THIS HAS REINFORCED FRENCH UNEASE ABOUT A SUPERPOWER CONDOMINIUM. FRANCE IS PARTICULARLY ANNOYED THAT WE ASKED THE ALLIANCE FOR SPECIFIC MEASURES TO SUPPORT OUR POLICY, BELIEVING THAT THIS REQUEST THREATENED TO INVOLVE NATO IN AN AREA NOT COVERED BY THE TREATY. FRANCE BELIEVES THAT THE U.S. OVERREACTED.

4. POMPIDOU FEELS THAT THE U.S. DID NOT CONSULT FRANCE ADEQUATELY. THIS IS IN LINE WITH WHAT FRANCE SEES AS U.S. FAILURE TO DISCUSS SERIOUSLY AND SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE ON OTHER MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY DEVELOPMENTS IN RECENT YEARS AFFECTING THE VITAL INTERESTS OF FRANCE AND EUROPE, E.G., THE 1971 MONETARY MOVES, US-SOVIET RELATIONS AND THE "YEAR OF EUROPE" SCENARIO. POMPIDOU IS PARTICULARLY APPREHENSIVE AT THE PROSPECTS OF HAVING LITTLE OR NO CONTROL OVER FUTURE EVENTS IN AN AREA VITAL TO FRANCE'S INTERESTS. HE IS SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR A SETTLEMENT AT GENEVA.

5. YOUR TALKING POINTS:

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-- GIVE POMPIDOU YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

-- STRESS THAT IN OUR VIEW NO COMBINATION OF OUTSIDE POWERS CAN IMPOSE PEACE TERMS ON THE BELLIGERENTS.

-- REASSURE HIM THAT THE U.S. HAS EVERY INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE, NOW THAT A NEGOTIATING PROCESS IS ENGAGED.

-- STRESS THAT WE INTEND TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES BOTH TO KEEP THEM INFORMED AND TO TAKE THEIR VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT. WE EXPECT THEM TO RECIPROCATE.

6. YOUR ENERGY ACTION GROUP PROPOSAL

FRENCH POSITION:

OF ALL THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, FRANCE WILL LIKELY BE THE MOST DIFFICULT TO CONVINCE OF THE NECESSITY OF ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY ACTION GROUP. FRANCE'S ROLE IS THEREFORE CRUCIAL. WHILE RECOGNIZING EUROPE'S NEED TO PROBLEM, POMPIDOU PROBABLY BELIEVES THAT U.S. INFLUENCE IN SUCH A GROUP WOULD PREDOMINATE TO THE DETRIMENT OF FRANCE, AND THAT THE U.S. WOULD APPLY PRESSURE TO STEER THE GROUP IN A DIRECTION FAVORABLE TO U.S. INTERESTS. POMPIDOU PROBABLY SEES THE INVITATION TO JAPAN TO PARTICIPATE AS ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF A U.S. EFFORT TO WEAKEN EUROPEAN COHESION BY BROADENING THE BASE OF COOPERATION. HE WILL WANT TO BE CONSULTED, NOT MERELY INFORMED, ON THIS PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE POTENTIALLY DAMAGING EFFECTS OF THE ENERGY CRISIS ON EUROPE AND WILL PROBABLY JOIN, THOUGH WITH RELUCTANCE, WITH OTHER EUROPEAN NATIONS IN THIS COOPERATIVE ACTION PROVIDED FRENCH INTERESTS AND SENSITIVITIES ARE ADEQUATELY SAFEGUARDED.

7. YOUR TALKING POINTS:

GIVEN POMPIDOU'S CONCERNS AND SUSPICIONS, YOU MIGHT:

-- EMPHASIZE THAT WHAT YOU ARE SEEKING IS A UNIFYING FRAMEWORK OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO ENABLE EUROPE, NORTH AMERICA AND JAPAN TO COLLABORATE IN MEETING THE ENERGY CHALLENGE.

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-- STRESS THAT WE NEED A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM FRANCE IN ORDER TO DEVELOP THIS COMMON ENTERPRISE.

-- TELL HIM THE REACTIONS YOU HAVE RECEIVED FROM ARAB LEADERS DURING THE COURSE OF YOUR RECENT TRIP.

8. YEAR OF EUROPE

FRENCH POSITION:

ALTHOUGH THE FRENCH HAVE BEEN HELPFUL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NATO DECLARATION, THEY HAVE BEEN VERY DIFFICULT THROUGHOUT THE US-EC EXERCISE, CLAIMING THAT WE SEEK TO EXTRACT ECONOMIC CONCESSIONS IN RETURN FOR DEFENSE COOPERATION. THE FRENCH ALSO STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT U.S. INFLUENCE IN EUROPE WEAKENS THE DRIVE FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND EUROPE'S INDEPENDENCE AS A MAJOR WORLD POWER CENTER (IN WHICH FRANCE WOULD PLAY A LEADING ROLE). IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE FRENCH HAVE SOUGHT TO INJECT A "WE" AND "THEY" PHILOSOPHY IN THE NATO DECLARATION.

9. YOUR TALKING POINTS:

YOU MAY WISH TO:

-- EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR FRENCH EFFORTS ON THE

NATO DRAFT, BUT STRESS THE INDIVISIBILITY OF EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN DEFENSE.

-- INDICATE OUR DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE LACK OF PROGRESS ON THE US-EC TEXT WHICH HAS BECOME OVERLY LEGALISTIC.

-- UNDERSCORE OUR HOPE THAT THE US-EC DRAFT CAN EXPRESS THE SENSE OF SHARED GOALS AND PURPOSES.

-- EMPHASIZE TO POMPIDOU THAT FRANCE CAN PURSUE ITS INTERESTS IN A REVITALIZED ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP.

-- INDICATE YOUR OWN VIEWS CONCERNING THE BEST APPROACH FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE US-EC AND NATO DECLARATIONS.

-- IF APPROPRIATE, EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF POMPIDOU'S ATTENDANCE AT A NATO SUMMIT.

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10. COPENHAGEN SUMMIT AND US-EC RELATIONS

FRENCH POSITION:

POMPIDOU IS SEEKING TO ESTABLISH A REGULAR FORUM FOR EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION, AND VIEWS THE COPENHAGEN SUMMIT AS A STEP IN THIS DIRECTION. HE STRONGLY OPPOSES WHAT HE SEES AS ATTEMPTS TO DILUTE THE EC INTO A LARGER ATLANTIC COMMUNITY DOMINATED BY THE U.S. THE FRENCH INSIST THAT EC ISSUES BE KEPT SEPARATE FROM NATO ISSUES, TO PREVENT THE U.S. BOTH FROM OBTAINING ECONOMIC-DEFENSE TRADEOFFS AND FROM ACQUIRING A VOICE WITHIN THE EC, WHICH THEY BELIEVE THE U.S. WOULD INEVITABLY DOMINATE.

11. YOUR TALKING POINTS:

YOU MAY WISH TO:

-- ASK POMPIDOU FOR HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE COPENHAGEN SUMMIT.

-- STRESS THAT THE U.S. CONTINUES TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO WESTERN EUROPEAN UNITY AND WILL CONTINUE TO UPHOLD ITS COMMITMENTS TO EUROPE. EUROPEAN UNITY, HOWEVER, MUST DEVELOP IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. AND NOT IN OPPOSITION TO IT.

-- EMPHASIZE THAT WE MUST BE ABLE TO CONSULT AT THE BILATERAL LEVEL WITH EC MEMBER COUNTRIES BEFORE COMMUNITY DECISIONS BECOME FINAL.

12. FRENCH-SOVIET RELATIONS

FRENCH-SOVIET RELATIONS HAVE COOLED IN RECENT MONTHS, ALTHOUGH BOTH SIDES CONTINUE TO GIVE LIP SERVICE TO THE UTILITY OF FRENCH-SOVIET DETENTE. A "PRAVDA" COMMENTARY

OF DECEMBER 6 CONCEDED DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON A NUMBER OF UNSPECIFIED QUESTIONS AND ATTACKED THE FRENCH PRESS FOR SOWING DISCORD. EARLIER "L'AUREOLE" PUBLISHED AN ACCOUNT OF FRENCH EXPULSION OF A

NUMBER OF SOVIET COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVES. THE SOVIETS HAVE ORCHESTRATED A WAVE OF PRESS ATTACKS ON FRANCE'S INITIATIVES REGARDING EUROPEAN DEFENSE. DEFENSE MINISTER
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GALLEY'S VISIT TO THE USSR APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MERELY A ROUTINE PROTOCOL EXERCISE.

13. YOUR TALKING POINTS:

IF TIME PERMITS, YOU MAY WISH TO:

-- ASK POMPIDOU FOR HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT STATE OF FRENCH-SOVIET RELATIONS AND OF HIS PLANS TO MEET WITH BREZHNEV EARLY NEXT YEAR. RUSH
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